



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Emily Smith, Urban Transportation Commission Coordinator  
Austin Transportation Department

**FROM:** Mashell Smith, Land Management Supervisor  
Office of Real Estate Services

**DATE:** November 4, 2019

**SUBJECT:** F#10188-1908 Right-of-Way Vacation of 0.399 Acre Portion of Onion Street

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Attached is the Summary of Review Comments Report and Application Packet pertaining to the right-of-way vacation application for approximately .0399 tract of land, being a portion of Onion Street between E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street and E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The area being requested for vacation will be used for future development of a paseo and will be publicly accessible, pedestrian and bicycle friendly open space. All affected city departments and private utility franchise holders have reviewed the request and recommend approval, subject to the following conditions:

1. Austin Transportation Department:

- A public access easement (PAE) will be required for a portion of the Right of Way (ROW) that is being vacated. Access must be for pedestrians, scooters, and all ages, all ability bicycle traffic with ADA compliant access/pathways.
- A Restrictive Covenant (RC) will be attained prohibiting habitable structure(s) over the entire ROW area that is being vacated

2. Austin Water Utility:

- A water line easement will be retained over AWU facilities until such time the water main is properly abandoned, replaced and accepted by AW Pipeline Engineering and the as-built plans have been received and approved by AW Infrastructure records.

3. Capital Metro:

- The PAE will remain available to the public and provide pedestrian and bicycle access.

4. Austin Energy:

- An electric easement will be retained over AE facilities until such time the facilities are removed, relocated and approved by Austin Energy.

5. Austin Fire:

- Buildings located at 1501 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 1506 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street will be demolished prior to the deed transferring ownership is recorded in Travis County.

6. Google Fiber:

- There are Google Fiber facilities in the ROW area. The facilities must be relocated at developers' expense.
7. Grande Communications:
- Full reimbursement for cost of construction if Grande will need to be relocated.
8. PARD/Planning & Design
- Record PAE immediately after Deed Without Warranty is recorded to preserve public access over envelope of vacated area.
9. Public Works Department Sidewalks and Special Projects Review:
- The PAE area must remain publicly accessible, pedestrian and bicycle friendly open space and be ADA compliant.
10. Public Works Department-OCE:
- Minimum clear height of 15 feet in the PAE area.
11. Development Services Department, Transportation Planning:
- Bike access required through the PAE area.
12. Watershed Engineering Review:
- A storm drain easement will be attained over storm drain facilities until such time as the storm sewer facilities are removed.

The applicant has requested that this item be submitted for placement on the **November 12, Urban Transportation Commission Agenda**.

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The applicant and/or property owner's representative will be present at the meeting to answer any questions regarding the development project and vacation request.

Attachment:  
Summary of Review Comments Report and Application Packet